

COMMENT OF THE DAY

One Subject Still Open

POSSIBLY the most significant feature about the Berlin conference is that there has been no genuine negotiation either on the question of Germany or the Austrian state treaty. But there has been a considerable amount of genuine argument, particularly in the early stages of the discussions. Then, the Ministers, while not really searching for common ground, were at least taking up one another's points, and maintaining a kind of dialectic contact. But during the last week their speeches have largely become monologues, with little relation to one another. It has sometimes appeared, rather ominously, as if each had begun to address his own public at home, preparing alibis for failure, and the case for a domestic verdict of "guilty" against the other side. Yet even at this late stage, there remain, under the surface discord, certain factors which sustain the hope that the conference will not be without some sort of accomplishment. There is, for example, the Chinese question. It has been only briefly discussed in public, and then in a curious kind of double-faced language, with one meaning for the public at large and another for the Ministers to whom it has been addressed. It seems fairly clear that all four countries want some kind of meeting with China, although, of course, not all want the same kind of meeting and not all want it for the same reason.

WHAT is really at issue is now not so much the question of whether such a five-power meeting is to be held, as its exact nature and agenda. Both the United States and Russia seem, for different reasons, to favour initially restricting the agenda of such a meeting to Korea, with the possibility of widening the agenda if progress is made over that question. France would, for obvious reasons, like to include Indo-China on the agenda, but would also like to make the conference dependent on the prior cessation of Chinese aid to Hu Chi-minh. The present military developments in Indo-China did not, however, provide M. Bidault with an easy negotiating position in this respect. However that may be, it is a fact that concurrently with the public argument on Germany and Austria, a genuine attempt in secret session is being made in Berlin to negotiate about China. In fact the impression is created that the loud disagreements on Germany and the Austrian treaty are dinned into the public ear to deflect it effectively to the soft, business-like negotiations on China that are still in progress.

Suicide Solves Double Murder

Mystery SENSATIONAL END TO MAN'S LIFE OF CRIME

Scotland Yard's Revelations

London, Feb. 16.

A pistol shot in a secluded wood near Cologne, Germany, today put an end to the violent life of Ronald John Chesney, 45, big time international crook and smuggler — and virtually closed the case of the double murder in the Ealing old folks home.

Chesney, bearded adventurer once tried for murdering his own mother, had been sought by police of Britain and the Continent since last week when his wife, Mrs Isobel Chesney, 43, and her eccentric mother, "Lady" Mary Menzies, 73, were found slain in the home for aged they ran in the middle class London suburb.

While the old men and women who had come to the Victorian mansion to spend their last years were asleep, the murderer drowned drink-befuddled Mrs Chesney in a bath tub. Creeping out of the house, he encountered self-styled "Lady" Mary and knocked her unconscious with a pewter jug, then strangled her.

An hour after receiving the report today from Germany that Chesney had blown his face off with a .45 revolver, detectives in charge of the case held a conference.

Tonight they indicated they were satisfied the dossier on the fantastic crime, which had linked a seemingly respectable home for the aged with international smuggling and gun running, was almost complete.

Chesney, a war-time naval officer, imagined himself a modern pirate. He even wore dangling golden earrings and indulged in swashbuckling talk as he smuggled everything from guns to coffee beans between a variety of countries.

He was gaoled in France several times for currency racketeering. Belgium deported him in 1949.

In 1951 he was sent to prison in Britain for 12 months for trying to smuggle a car out of the country packed with pound sterling notes and coffee beans.

A magistrate who sentenced Chesney described him as "a man who has made a career as a professional smuggler."

His gun-running activities involved him with international gangs in France, Belgium, Germany and Egypt.

Chesney's real name was Donald John Merrick. He changed it several times after prison terms. His mother and father met on a ship taking them to New Zealand and the family later lived in Russia.

From early youth, he loved a gay life and was unscrupulous about how he got the money for it.

At the age of 19, while a student at Edinburgh University, he forged cheques in his mother's name. Then she was found shot in her Edinburgh home. As she lay dying in

hospital, suspected of being a suicide, her son went on frequenting local dance halls, flirting with women and drinking champagne.

But he was arrested and brought to trial in 1927 for the murder of his mother. The jury brought in a verdict of "not proved" — which under Scottish law meant they were in doubt about his guilt, but left the way open for his retrial if the police got more evidence. He went to prison for a year for forgery.

When he came out of gaol, he adopted his first alias by calling himself "Mick" — his mother's maiden name.

Tall and athletic, he exuded a charm which made women fall for him. But beneath the surface, he was remorseless and scheming.

A few years after leaving prison, he married Isobel Bonar, the beautiful blonde daughter of a widow. By that time he had changed his name again — this time to Ronald John Chesney.

BARONETCY CLAIM

The widow herself was married again soon afterwards — to Thomas Chalmers Menzies, a kilted little Scottish typewriter salesman who insisted he was the heir to a defunct baronetcy. He and his wife called themselves "Sir Thomas and Lady Menzies," though the authorities laughed at their claim.

Chesney and his wife lived like high society. They holidayed on the Riviera, rented yachts and threw lavish cocktail parties.

It is probable Chesney was smuggling and racketeering even in those days.

Before the war, he and his wife parted. When war broke out, he decided there was only one service for such a buccaneer as he — the Navy. He became a Lieutenant-Commander and, according to his comrades, was a brave and daring sailor. The Germans captured him, but he escaped.

After the war, he linked up with smuggling organisations on the continent. He must have made a fortune — a great deal of money.

But he became too well known to the police and customs men of almost every country in Europe.

POND OF DRAIN

As the going became difficult, he found his wife and her mother running the old folks home in Ealing, London, of which he still in love with him.

Paper Offers Helicopter For Sale

London, Feb. 16. L o r d Beaverbrook's paper, the Evening Standard, today offered for sale its helicopter which it bought last summer and used mostly for low altitude photography.

Five days ago the newspaper and the helicopter pilot were each fined £20 for low flying.

An advertisement on the front page today said no reasonable offer would be refused.

It added "reason for sale: indifference in high Ministerial places mounting at times to hostility to the use of the helicopter in the London area." — China Mail Special.

Calcutta Riots: Three Killed, Many Injured

Calcutta, Feb. 16.

Mobs ran amok in Calcutta today, plundering stores and demonstrating against America, as riots over school teachers' wages snowballed into a bloody free-for-all stopped only by police bullets.

The police confirmed that at least three persons were killed. More than 100 were sent to hospital, including 20 seriously wounded by police fire. Scores more were treated at first aid stations set up by the police.

Screaming mobs overran American buildings in Chowringhee Square smashing plate glass windows and shattering furniture.

Rioters invaded the United States Information Service library, pulled pictures from the walls, tore books from shelves and ripped magazines to shreds.

More than 1,000 rioters stormed the American-operated Metropolitan Life insurance building, smashed plate glass windows and wrecked everything they could get their hands on.

The plundering and destruction were stopped only when police fired into the crowds and exploded tear gas bombs.

PILFERING

Street unchins prowled in the wake of the angry mob, pilfering from stores and taking valuables from the ruins. At least 12 street cars and 20 buses were set on fire and were raided for any articles left by the passengers and not destroyed by the fire.

The trouble started in the square and spread across the city in all directions. Much of the city was blanketed in darkness as electric cables were cut. The only light came from the burning buses and street cars.

Many of the injured were trampled by fear-crazed horses and sickened by the tear gas bombs. Others were hurt by bricks and other debris tossed by fellow rioters. Untold numbers of injured evaded treatment of their wounds to avoid police questioning. They ran into hiding as ambulances patrolled the streets to pick up the wounded. — United Press.

Dance Hostess Threatened

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 17.

Singapore's newspaper queen, a beautiful Chinese dance hostess, Miss Alice Chang, who is now working in a cabaret here, has been told by secret society thugs to pay them \$10,000 or get out of the Federal capital.

Miss Chang said yesterday that she had been called at her cabaret several nights running and demanded "protection money" in the name of [?] [?] [?]. She said she was too poor to pay.



The Glasgow to Euston express, Royal Scot, recently collided with the Euston to Wolverhampton train at Watford. Two rear coaches of the Royal Scot were derailed. Picture shows one of the damaged coaches seen under the light of flares at Watford station.

MORE PAY FOR MP's PROPOSED

London, Feb. 16.

A Parliamentary Select Committee recommended today that Members of Parliament's salaries be raised from £1,000 to £1,500 a year and that retired legislators be pensioned.

The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill's Conservative Government must now decide whether to support and introduce the recommendations.

They apply only to Members of the House of Commons. Peers, who sit in the House of Lords, get no pay unless they are members of the Government.

The Committee's recommendations were spurred by long complaints that many Members of Parliament no longer could make ends meet.

Salaries were last raised from £600 to £1,000 in 1948. The Committee found that what £1,000 bought then now costs £1,440.

Pensions would be based on the number of years' service after the age of 40. Service before that would not count. Pensions would become payable only after 65.

Between 10 and 15 years' service would result in a pension of £350 a year and over 15 years' service £500. — United Press.

Threat By Tribesmen

Khartoum, Feb. 16.

The Sudan Government tonight decided to send two Ministers to Juba, in the South Sudan, following reports of anti-northern demonstrations and threats amongst tribesmen.

Reports reaching the Sudan Government today said that Bari tribesmen were gathering in villages outside Juba threatening to invade the town.

Juba traders were said to have closed their shops.

The Sudan Government Ministers will leave for Juba by air on Wednesday.

In a statement tonight, the Sudanese Government said it had received cables from individuals and groups, warning that some natives had staged demonstrations in Juba. The cables, the statement said, accused some British administrators of participating in the disturbances.

Deep Sea Divers Planning New Adventure

Dakar, Feb. 16.

Two French naval divers who ate lunch at the lowest undersea depth ever reached by man announced over breakfast today that they intended to explore the earth's deepest water in the Pacific.

Lieut.-Cmdr Nicholas Houot and engineer Henri Willm said that they hoped to follow up yesterday's record-setting 18,103-foot plunge off the West African coast with an attempt to reach bottom in the vast Philippine Deep — nearly three times the depth of yesterday's conquest.

But they said that another bathyscaphe would be needed to attempt the Pacific depth. It has been sounded at 35,000 feet.

In their submarine-shaped diving bathyscaphe yesterday the pair touched bottom 120 miles out in the Atlantic in a five-and-a-half-hour descent. That broke Professor Auguste Piccard's 1953 record.

Lieut.-Cmdr Houot said on return from the diving scene this morning that no definite schedule had been made yet for an attempt on the Philippine Deep. Time would be required to build another diving apparatus, he said.

NEED NEW CRAFT

The 40-year-old officer said that the bathyscaphe used yesterday "had thick enough sides to withstand pressure of 3,520 pounds or a theoretical depth of 52,000 feet. But it was designed to dive to 15,000 feet and it has done it. We hope now to construct another craft for a deeper dive in the Pacific."

Telling of the historic descent, Willm said that the pair lunched yesterday about 70 feet off the sandy bottom. They were well beyond Piccard's 10,238-foot record, and paused to rest.

"We hadn't had a bite to eat since six o'clock in the morning — too many instruments to check and last-minute preparations. So we opened a bottle of Muscadet (white wine) and ate some sandwiches before reaching the bottom," he said.

The two men described the sand on the ocean floor as being "extremely fine in texture and with slight ridges and scattered terraces."

The only living creature found at the deepest point ever reached by man was a six-foot shark which started at Willm.

Ancient Necklace Found

Budapest, Feb. 16.

Pieces of a golden necklace were found in the village of Haskovaci (County Vas), near the ruins of a villa from the Roman age. The official news agency MTI reported.

Three coins, which decorated the necklace, show Emperor Valerian and scientists believe the necklace, presumably made in Rome, had been buried around 280 AD. The necklace will be restored and exhibited in Budapest's National Museum. — United Press.

America's Two New Weapons

Palm Beach, Feb. 16.

General Matthew Ridgway, the United States Army Chief of Staff, said today that a guided missile with a range of more than 50 miles and a rocket capable of hitting targets about 17 miles behind enemy front lines had been added to the United States Army arsenal.

General Ridgway, speaking at the Society of Four Arts here, said the "disparity of manpower between the United States and the forces of the Communist bloc makes American technological superiority mandatory."

Later in reference to "two of our latest weapons," General Ridgway said: "one... is used in a manner similar to artillery and has the range characteristics of our present heavy artillery."

(The range of ordinary heavy artillery is about 17 miles.) "Its great advantage is that its launcher can be put into position much more quickly than conventional artillery and can deliver explosive on the target equivalent to hundreds of rounds of artillery shells."

To extend the army's firepower capabilities beyond the range of the weapon and of the 280 millimetre cannon too, the Army has a guided missile which is being issued to Army units for tactical use.

"It attains supersonic speed and it is guided to the target throughout its flight. Having a range of more than 50 miles, surface to surface, it poses a threat to the enemy's installations far beyond the range of conventional Army weapons." — Reuter.

BIG TRADE CONTRACTS

Moscow, Feb. 16.

Russia announced tonight that the Soviet Union's Foreign Trade Ministry had signed contracts with British firms for equipment worth £17,232,000.

The contracts, including orders for trawlers, textile machinery and electrical plants, were placed with members of the 33-man British business group which visited Moscow this month and with businessmen working independently.

An official Soviet statement said agreement had also been reached in principle for further contracts worth 850,000,000 Roubles (about 249,167,000) for more trawlers, diesel generating stations, machine tools and food industry equipment.

"These are the first results and it is expected that even greater business will follow," the statement said. — Reuter.

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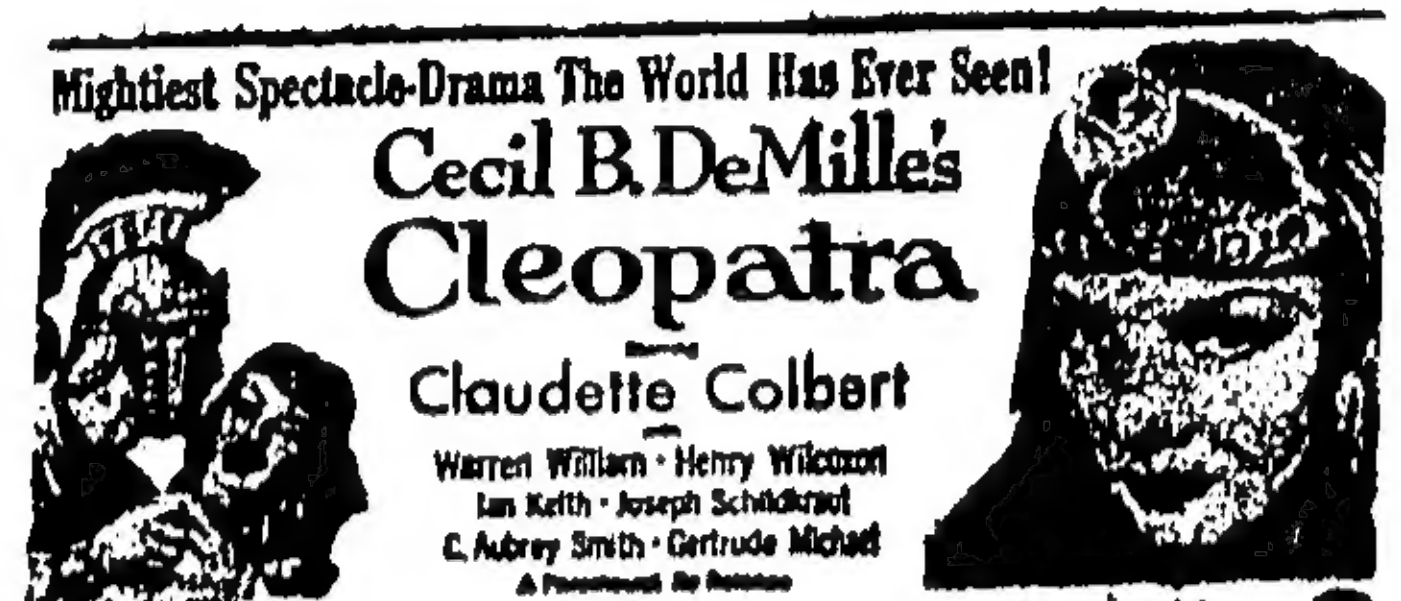
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“Malignant Effort To Profit From Ruin Of A Generation”

New York, Feb. 16.
 American Police authorities believe that agents of world Communism may be in league with domestic drug peddlers in a malignant effort to profit from the ruin of a generation of Americans.

Dr. Lois Higgins, director of the Crime Prevention Bureau of Chicago declared recently there could be no possible grounds for doubting that such an alliance existed.

She said that well-authenticated evidence, gathered and confirmed by a number of agencies including military intelligence and the Federal Narcotics Bureau, “positively” linked Communists with the increase in traffic in narcotics.

More than a year earlier, in the course of United Nations debate on the international aspect of the drug traffic, the United States delegation had declared that drugs reaching United States servicemen in Japan and Korea came from Communist China.

“Opium and heroin from Communist China, is, and has been flooding the world market,” Dr. Higgins declared. “It has been definitely established that money derived from this source has partly financed the Communist war effort in Korea.”

Release Of 3 Jews: “A Friendly Gesture”

London, Feb. 16.
 The World Jewish Congress said today Communist Hungary has acquitted and freed “as a friendly gesture” three Jewish leaders arrested for Zionist activity.

The Congress said the three were Dr. Bela Dencs who was leader of the Zionist movement in Hungary until it was liquidated in 1949, Henrik Gals, former Zionist Secretary-General in Budapest, and Abraham Kerner, leader of the Orthodox religious Hungarian Jews.

“Jews throughout the world will derive great satisfaction from the news of the release of these three prominent and well-known Jewish leaders,” a Congress spokesman said. “The action of the Hungarian authorities will be considered as a friendly gesture which will no doubt be regarded as a factor contributing to better international relations.”

The three were indicted on charges of Zionist activity. Dencs also was sentenced to imprisonment following his arrest in 1949 on charges of assisting Jewish immigration to Israel, the Congress said.

ULTIOR MOTIVE?

Informed sources, however, credited the timing of the Hungarian action to the scheduled arrival in Budapest today of an Israeli trade delegation.

These sources said that Hungary was seeking orders for considerable amounts of goods. Hungary is a debtor nation to West Germany. It hoped to reduce its trade deficit with the Bonn Government in a three-way deal by exports to Israel which Germany would pay for under the \$800,000,000 reparations programme for the Jews.

Meanwhile, Jewish sources here reported that the British Labour Party was exerting influence on Austrian socialists in support of Israeli reparations claims against the Austrian Government. — United Press.

Intent cordial



Raising Morale Of Chinese Armies

London, Feb. 16.
 Communist China began a new campaign to strengthen the morale of her armies defending her frontiers and coasting with a special nationwide hook-up of broadcasting stations tonight.

The radio reported special broadcasts were leaving to visit Communist troops stationed throughout the country.

From Peking, Kuo Mo Jo, Chairman of the China Peace Committee, wished the millions success in encouraging the Army to consolidate national coastal and frontier defence posts. — China Mail Special.

Her Electricity Bill Was £153 For 6 Months!

Sydney, Feb. 16.
 A woman who used 2,250,000 gallons of water in eight months and whose electricity bill for six months was £153 has been ordered from her Housing Commission home at Dundas, New South Wales.

She is Mrs. Maile O'Neill, 38, a widow who lives with her 11-year-old daughter.

A local government official complained that Mrs. O'Neill's water consumption was about 30 times the normal consumption in a house of that type. “She must have had all the taps in her house running constantly for three or four weeks,” he said.

Housing Commission officials who tested the water meter at Mrs. O'Neill's house found that it registered correctly.

Recently, Mrs. O'Neill received an electricity bill for £153 for six months' supply. She refused to pay, so the power was cut off. — China Mail Special.

She Got 187 Marriage Proposals

Toronto, Feb. 16.
 Lilo Kaesche of Hamburg, Germany, who received 187 proposals of marriage, was getting acquainted today with the suitors who pleased her best.

Miss Kaesche, 30, said she was still only “looking over” Jack Fletcher, an A. V. Roe Company employee. She said his letter convinced her she ought at least to come to Canada and see him.

Miss Kaesche was cited in a weekend magazine article as an example of the many German women between the ages of 28 and 43 who will never marry. Shortly after the article appeared in Canada proposals of marriage began to roll in.

A total of 187 men offered their hand including engineers, a clergyman, an agricultural scientist, a company executive, three University students and many others.

She said many offered to pay her passage to Canada and a few even said if she did not like it they would pay her passage back.

“Almost without exception the writers seemed to be decent and sincere people,” she said. — United Press.

“I Won't Be An Old Maid”

New York, Feb. 16.
 Miss Margaret Truman, the daughter of ex-President Truman, will be 30 on Wednesday.

She declared today that she firmly intended to marry one day. She told journalists who came to interview her that she had no intention of becoming an old maid. — France-Press.

“Dip” In US Economy Sharper Than Expected

Washington, Feb. 16.
 A Federal Reserve economist said today the dip in the United States economy has been “sharper” than was disclosed in President Eisenhower's economic report to Congress.

Mr. Winfield W. Riefler, Assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, said that the Federal Reserve's index of production has declined about 10 per cent in the six and a half months since last July.

This drop in production, he said, was “equal to the full decline in the 1948-49 recession.”

In the report issued late yesterday the Federal Reserve Board said that United States industry produced 1.6 per cent less in January than in December. It added, however, that activity in most other fields continued “at advanced levels.”

It was the sixth month in a row in which industrial output fell. The January decline was the same as December's but both were slightly smaller than the drop in November.

While this decline “does not change the diagnosis (in the President's report) that the current reaction reflects primarily an unbalanced inventory situation,” Mr. Riefler said, “it raises the possibility that it may in itself set forces in motion that will spread more widely over the economy.”

Mr. Riefler testified before the Congressional Economic Committee at hearings on credit policy and its impact on the economy.

A panel of bankers and economists generally supported Administration credit policies. — United Press.

Another US Protest To Red China

Washington, Feb. 16.
 The United States has again protested to the Chinese Communist authorities through the British representative in Peking against the detention by China of 32 American civilians, it was learned from an informed source here on Tuesday.

The Americans included Richard Applegate, former United Press correspondent in Korea, Don Dixon of International News Service and Captain Ben Krusner, a Merchant Marine officer, who were picked up by the Communists while sailing from Hongkong to Macao in Applegate's yacht, Kert.

The others included missionaries, students and businessmen. — France-Press.

Washington, Feb. 16.
 A new and simple method of preserving bone for use in grafts has been developed in United States Air Force hospitals.

The bone is placed in a salt solution containing germ-fighting penicillin and streptomycin, and kept in an ordinary refrigerator, thus eliminating the necessity of using extreme low temperature refrigeration, as in a deep freeze.

A hundred grafts have been performed successfully with bone stored by the new method. — China Mail Special.

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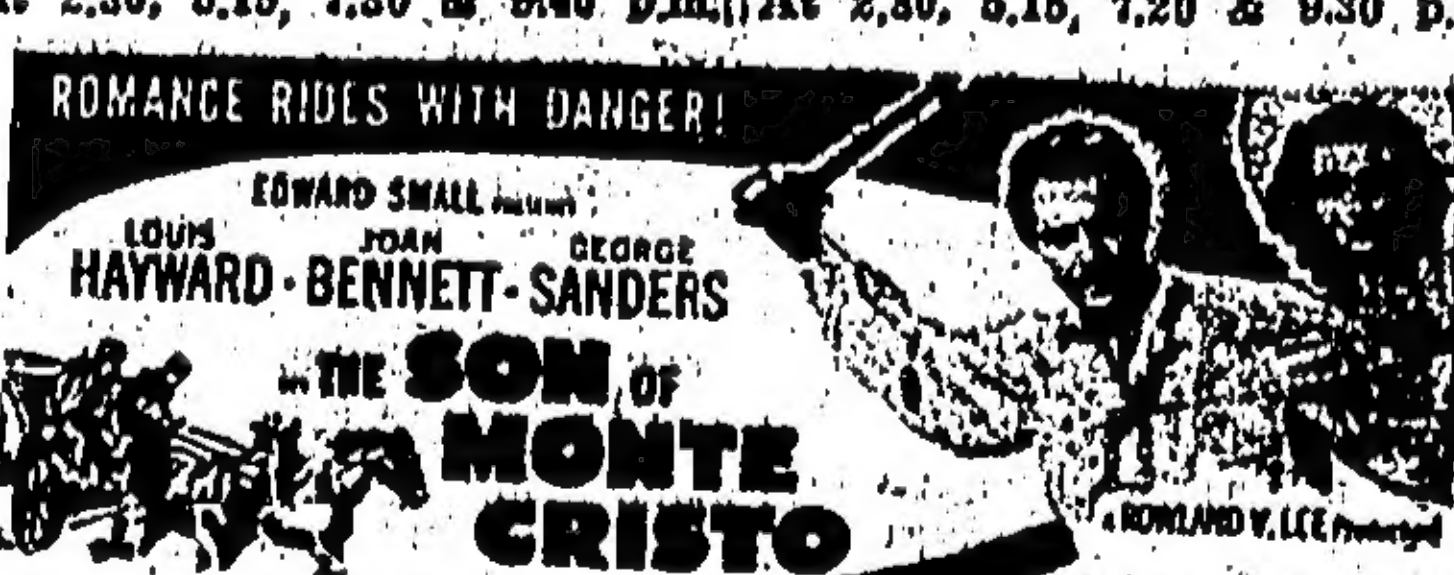
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FIERCE FRENCH ATTACKS IN INDO-CHINA

Several Successes Reported By High Command

Paris, Feb. 16.

A Hanoi report said Franco-Vietnam forces today, in a bid to secure the initiative from the Vietminh, launched fierce attacks in several sectors of the wide front and reported successes in several areas.

In Central Vietnam, French Union troops completely occupied Tuy Hoa, according to an official French High Command communique.

In Laos, Franco-Laotian reconnaissance elements struck out from Muong Sai and ousted Vietminh units from their positions with heavy casualties.

A report from Washington said the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Alexander Smith (Republican) announced that US aid for Indo-China in the next financial year would amount to about \$1,000 million — about the same as in the present one.

"Everything in Indo-China is proceeding to plan and there is no cause for alarm at the military situation," he said. "Chinese intervention is a remote possibility neither likely nor serious," he added.

At Dien Bien Phu French Union troops with air and artillery support made an offensive reconnaissance near the beleaguered city. Two well-entrenched rebel positions in the hills overlooking Dien Bien Phu were completely overrun.

The Vietminh rebels are expected to launch an all-out assault against the French "hedgerhog" position of Muong Sai as a prelude to attacking the Laotian Royal capital of Luang Prabang, military sources said in Paris tonight.

The post, which threatens the left flank of the Communist advance on Luang Prabang, about 60 miles to the southwest, was subjected to night-long harassing attacks, which suggested the rebels were trying to find the weakest spot in the French defences.

Powerful French air strikes and artillery barrages today "neutralised" the pressure on the French positions for the time being, it was stated here.

"CONTAINED"
French officers said the Vietminh offensive which began with their Christmas drive to the Mekong River had been "contained." But General Vo Nguyen Giap, the Communist Commander-in-Chief, did not appear to have given up all hope of being able to launch a frontal attack against Luang Prabang.

Systematic testing of the French defences around the Royal capital by Communist guerrilla units indicated that the Vietminh were seeking a weak spot.

French aircraft today pounded the main body of the Vietminh force, still marking time about 30 miles north of Luang Prabang.

The Vietminh rebel radio broadcast an editorial from the Communist-dominated Labour Party's main newspaper today violently attacking the arrival of 200 American air technicians in Indo-China.

It described this American assistance as "a shameful American intervention in Indo-China, which unmasks the imperialists of that country whose intentions are to invade Asia."

The State Department said today nothing was known in Washington to confirm a news report that a United States submarine had sunk a Soviet submarine off the coast of Formosa.—Reuter.

He Hates "Dead Ends"

Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Feb. 16.

Lawrence Barrett said today he would rather live in a house by the side of a dead-end street.

For the ninth time, a car has ploughed through his front lawn and smashed into his house.

Barrett again has asked the city to install a blinker warning light at the dead-end. — United Press.

Thornycroft Meets Cotton Board

Manchester, Feb. 16.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr Peter Thornycroft, met members of the Cotton Board today.

He said afterwards that the whole range of subjects of common interest, including the Japanese sterling payments agreement, had been fully and frankly discussed.

Asked if any results had been reached, Mr Thornycroft replied: "The future alone will disclose."

The Minister's visit to Manchester to meet Sir Raymond Street, the Chairman, and other members of the Board was arranged some weeks ago. A spokesman for the Board had said earlier that there was "no special significance" in it.

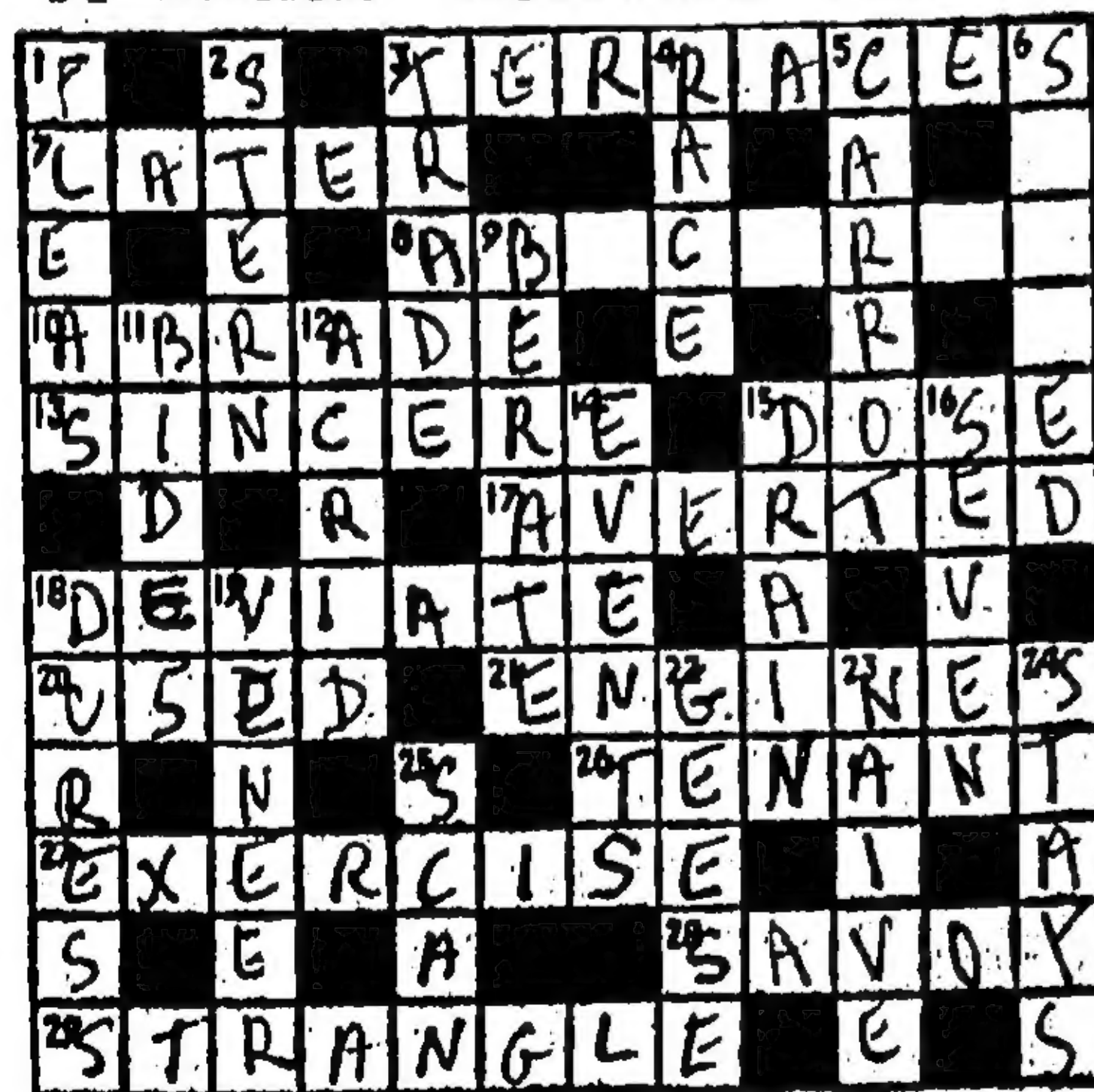
Mr Thornycroft was accompanied at the meeting by four Board of Trade officials.—Reuter.

NOTHING KNOWN

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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
3 Raised walks (8).
7 Subsequently (5).
8 Louthed (8).
10 Scrape (6).
13 Honest (7).
15 Prescribed amount (4).
17 Warded off (7).
18 Turn aside (7).
20 Not fresh (4).
21 Power units (7).
26 Occupant (6).
27 Bodily exertion (8).
28 Kind of cabbage (6).
29 Throttle (8).

- DOWN**
1 Insects (6).
2 Severe (5).
3 Commerce (5).
4 Origin (4).
5 Vegetables (6).
6 Moved crab-wise (6).
9 Solid (6).
11 Wails (6).
12 Pungent (5).
14 Happenings (6).
15 Exhaust (6).
16 Numeral (5).
18 Constraint (6).
19 Thin coating (6).
22 Ingenious (5).
24 Remains (4).
26 Serutinis (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Scrape, 5 Words, 8 Relax, 9 Pilton, 10 Vital, 11 Panel, 12 Loo, 13 Reak, 14 Modern, 15 Seared, 16 Shave, 17 Sewer, 18 River, 19 Cabin, 20 Tugboat, 21 Sewer, 22 Utter, 23 Scrope, 24 Down, 25 Supplies, 26 Raptures, 27 Prop, 28 Senator, 29 Wavered, 30 Balles, 31 Draft, 32 Struggle, 33 Stampede, 34 Mariner, 35 Debates, 36 Carle, 37 Hapt, 38 Lare.

"Basin Cut" For Boy Star



Back into favour comes the 'Pudding Basin Cut', with boy film actor Tommy Kearns, 15, of Glasgow, in the starring role at Ealing Studios, London. Operating the scissors is co-actor Abe Barker. Tommy, son of a Glasgow labourer, was chosen by director Alexander (Sandy) Mackendrick to play the key role of 'The Wee Boy' in the new Ealing Studios-Michael Balcan film 'The Maggie'.

Retrial in the "Francisal Case":

Judge Says: "You'll Be In Court For A Long Time"

London, Feb. 16.

A second attempt began today at the Old Bailey, London central criminal court, to decide whether or not five men conspired fraudulently to switch race horses at a West England track last summer and to bring off a £60,000 betting coup.

A first trial ended after 10 days last month with disagreement among the jury. A new hearing was ordered.

With the new trial opened today, the judge warned the new jury that they would be in court for "a considerable time."

The five men have all pleaded not guilty. They are alleged to have arranged to run a superior French horse named Santa Amaro in the name of another French horse of similar markings named Francisal in a selling plate race at the Bath track.

They are also alleged to have placed a series of substantial bets with bookmakers. The horse won at odds of ten to one, but the bookmakers refused payment when it was discovered that the only phone link with the centre was cut just before the race, preventing their "laying off" heavy last minute bets.

The five accused are George Kately, 42, hairdresser and bookmaker, Victor Dill, 59, dealer, Maurice Williams, 47, builders' decorator, Gomer Charles, 46, turf accountant, and William Rook, 57, Engineer.—China Mail Special.

UK Not Considering Replacing Suez With Other Bases

London, Feb. 16.

Britain and the other NATO countries are not considering replacing the Suez Canal bases with other bases in the Eastern Mediterranean area, Mr Nigel Birch, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, stated today.

Quarried by Labour MP, Philip Price, who suggested that Turkey might be a more reliable place than Egypt for defence arrangements at present, Mr Birch replied: "That there was 'certainly' something in what Mr Price says."

He added in reply to another Labour MP that Turkey was "our ally in NATO. We shall certainly do everything we can to support her." He stated that Cyprus and Cyrenia, as alternative bases, were outside the NATO area. — France-Press.

LEFT £122,276 TO YWCA

Halifax, Feb. 16.

A Yorkshire woman who was not a member of the Young Women's Christian Association and had never given it any funds left the YWCA a £122,276. It was revealed here today.

She was Miss Evelyn Taylor, 67, who died last November. It is believed Miss Taylor had no family living and secretly anyone knew that she possessed a fortune. She left a will which stated that her money was to be given to the YWCA.

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"Wolf Boy Was Reared Among Animals" Two Experts Report

London, Feb. 16.

Two medical authorities — one British and one Indian — issued statements today about Ramu, the Indian "wolf boy" both confirming their opinions that he was "reared among animals."

Some quarters have suggested it is a hoax and a violent controversy has raged over the 9-year-old boy who growls but cannot speak and who can smell raw meat before it is brought into his room.

Sir Philip Manson-Bahr, celebrated British authority on tropical medicine and the only Western specialist to examine the "Wolf Boy" of Lucknow, said today he has no doubts that the Indian child was reared among animals.

Sir Philip was in Lucknow on a lecture tour when the boy, called "Ramu", was brought to the hospital there for treatment. Sir Philip spent some time examining him and reported he considered it a "genuine case" of a child having lived among animals.

He said the deformities were caused by lying in unnatural positions "as though he had been crammed into a hole or den."

"CONTRACTED UP"
"His left arm is contracted up," said Sir Philip, "but it appears to be a diffused paralysis, possibly caused by lying in a hole without any opportunity to move. He cannot speak and he eats and drinks like an animal."

"His toes show he never has tried to walk as a human child. I don't think there is any doubt about it—he has been living among animals."

"There have been reports of similar incidents from Russia and elsewhere over the years, but I don't know much about them," he said.

Sir Philip's Secretary, Mr W. J. Muggleton, who was present at the examination at Lucknow, said that the "wolf-boy" has scars on his head where he has been bitten by animals.

"EATS WITH GROWLS"
"He does not react with speech," he said, "but with growls."

In Lucknow, a professor of Medicine at the King George Medical College, Dr B. B. Bhattacharya, said today after examining the "wolf boy" he believed the child had lived since infancy in the company of some carnivorous animal.

The child, he found, has the definite instincts of a carnivorous animal. He can smell raw meat from a distance. He relishes eating it and bites it with his incisors, bolting it rapidly without effective chewing.

"There is no area in this State," Dr Bhattacharya said, "in which tribes that eat raw meat and cannot be contacted that the boy was taught this habit by his parents."

He also concluded, as did the British expert, that they were due to the child's having lain in a small cave or hole in an unnatural position.

Some doubts were raised by Professor Kall Prasad, head of the Department of Psychology at Lucknow University. He pointed out an absence of callouses on the boy's hands and said that this indicated he did not walk much on all fours.

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"Well, that's quite easily adjusted, old man. Without buttons. But, old bed you, lift your hands under the blanket and pull the bed clothes straight with the other."

"She's not exactly a tight wad, is she, old man?"

"I know that, old man. But I've a suspicion of leverage."

Gas Manager spends money on house and Mrs Gas Manager and those who can help in career; and while Gas Manager will go from peak to peak and will retire one day in comfort, gay Lord Worm, like middle-aged poverty stricken butter-fly will flutter from one bright life to another until, alas, wings are worn and he is a beggar. He is turned and cast to pay Lord Worm and carry on his life with will and wit and strength.

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CHARLTON v. WEST BROMWICH



Heath, the West Bromwich goalie, is greatly harassed by Hurst, Charlton's right winger, as he endeavours to clear while Ayre, of Charlton, and two West Bromwich defenders await the result of the tussle. The game ended in a one-all draw.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Joe Carr Voted Golfer Of The Year By British Writers

Joe Carr, the Irish amateur player, has been voted "Golfer of the Year" by the Association of British Golf Writers. The writers adjudged that Carr, who beat American holder Harvie Ward in the final of the Amateur Championship at Hoylake, and represented Britain in the Walker Cup, is the golfer who did most for the British game in 1953.

Second choice was Bernard Hunt, the young Hartsbourne Country Club assistant who headed the list of winners in big tournaments, gained his Ryder Cup place and halved his singles with American Dave Douglas.

Henry Cotton, Britain's Ryder Cup captain and Fred Daly, who won his singles and doubles against the Americans, were voted equal third.

"NOT GOOD ENOUGH"

T. L. Taylor, president of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, had some harsh things to say about Yorkshire players at the club's annual general meeting in Sheffield. He told them that a keener spirit on the field should be shown next season.

Referring to last season's playing results—the county's worst since 1892—Mr Taylor said: "It is felt that better results could have been obtained if the catching and fielding had been up to the standard which we expect from a Yorkshire side. It was below it...our bowling also was not good enough."

Fred Davis, the holder, will meet Walter Donaldson in the final of this season's World

Match Play Professional Snooker Tournament at Manchester, from March 1-8. They have met in all the seven finals played since the event was re-instituted after the war in the 1946-7 season. Fred Davis has won the title five times and the last time Donaldson was successful was in 1950.

Johnny Williams, former British Heavyweight Champion, is now one of Germany's top box office attractions. This follows his knockout victory over Gerhard Hecht and, as a result, he is to have more fights there.

In March he plans to meet Heinz Neuhäus, the European Champion, at Dortmund. The two have met twice before, both times at Dortmund. On the first occasion, in October 1951, the result was a draw. In the return, last February, Neuhäus won by a ninth-round knockout.

12 WANTED

The South African Football Association want to buy 12 top English footballers. They will be loaned out to the 12 league clubs in the Union, teamed up to play against the various provinces and the national side, and used as coaches for the league clubs and schools.

Wages will be around £15 per week—the top rate in England during the playing season—and the prospects of a job on the side is shown in as an added attraction.

Also in the wanted column of the South African FA is a British referee to control the tests against Heats and Israel and to pass on the go, that makes British refereeing the best in the world.

Buhumil Vana, the great Czechoslovakian player who took over from Victor Barna as the world's outstanding table tennis player, is to retire from the international scene.

At 35 he considers he is not up to strain of the top-class game. Perhaps the most colour-

ful of all the champions, Vana's whole-hearted play will be sorely missed by spectators the world over.

Four performances by British athletes last year have been accepted as world records by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Men's performances are Gordon Pirie's Six Miles in 28min. 19.4sec. and the 6,000 Metres Relay time of 15min 27.2sec. by Pirie, Dunkley, Law and Nankerville.

Two women's relay performances, the 3 x 880 yards in 6min. 49sec. by N. Smalley, D. Leather and M. Slemmon and the 4 x 220 yards in 1min. 39.9sec. by A. Pashley, J. Newbould, S. Hampton and A. Johnson have also been accepted.

Pirie's time for the six miles was beaten by Emil Zatopek in November, when he clocked 28min. 8.4sec. and this record has also been accepted.

BANNISTER TOO BUSY

Roger Bannister, Britain's faster mile runner, is invited to run in the Benjamin Franklin Mile in Philadelphia, on April 24, is unlikely to accept.

Bannister, a St. Mary's Hospital student who won the event in 1951, said, "I have a great amount of work to do during the next two or three months which may prevent me from taking such a trip."

He added that he has had a private invitation to take part in medical research while in the United States.

Arsenal will meet the Brazilian side, Sao Paulo, at Highbury on February 20. Arsenal are without a League game that day because their intended opponents, Preston, are playing a fifth round Cup tie.

This will be the first occasion a side from Brazil has visited Britain. Sao Paulo are a powerful side, one of the best in the whole of South America.

(London Express Service)

SWEDES GIVE LOCAL FANS THEIR MONEY'S WORTH IN INSTRUCTIVE TENNIS

By "ARGONAUT"

Opening the two-day exhibition series in Hongkong at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday with two singles matches, Sweden's top-ranking tennis ace and recently-crowned All-Asian Singles Champion, Lennart Bergelin, edged out local champion K. H. Ip by 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 while Swedish Davis Cupper S. Stockenberg drew with K. C. Dao, 7-5 and 4-6.

The soft and slippery condition of the court made it difficult for superlative tennis to be played but despite these setbacks the visitors gave one of the Colony's biggest turnouts their full money's worth in instructive and scientific tennis.

Both Stockenberg and Bergelin play in almost identical style in handling the racket, strokes and tactics.

Both possess a strong serve and are exceptionally strong on the forehand, scoring frequently from this point with tremendous flat-racket cross-court passing drives or vicious cross-volleys.

The backhand, which is executed by both of them without any change of the grip, carries a lot of slice with it and except for point-winning drop cross-volleys and short passing shots is mainly exploited for defence and manoeuvring the ball to just over the centre-line of the opposing court, forcing a return to their forehand where their accurate half-volley from the three-quarter court and ability to add extra reach to seemingly passing winners with a late forward lunge enable them not only to cover that part of the court like a blanket but also to repeatedly turn defence into attack.

Bergelin is much the steeper of the two and shows more finesse and accuracy in the execution of every stroke.

Though troubled by the very slow court, the Swedish ace in his three-set match against Ip yesterday gave a fine exhibition of all-round strokes and at times glimpses of the form for

which he has been acclaimed as one of the greatest stroke players in the world today.

His points came neither from his service nor from any exceptional strength in any department of the game but from a combination of sound all-round ground strokes, volleys, overhead smashes and court craft.

STARTED SLOWLY

Bergelin started slowly in his match against Ip and, playing from the base throughout the whole set, passed Ip repeatedly with forehand drives that carried as much pace as accuracy. From 3-0 Bergelin carried his lead to 3-1, 6-2 and 6-3 to win the first set in 22 minutes.

Ip recovered by holding his opening service with a love game in the second set and as Bergelin relaxed his play, went on to lead 3-0.

Bergelin began to follow up his services with net play for the first time in the fourth game in the second set on his service, but found Ip in brilliant form with his passing shots.

From 15-15, Ip forged ahead to 30-15 when Bergelin double-faulted for the first time in the match, and clinched the game with two spectacular backhand sideline passing drives to lead by 4-0.

Scoring frequently with delicate drop shots, Ip took the fifth game by 60-50. Bergelin made a strong effort to regain the initiative and succeeded in holding his service game after deuce was called. Ip's drops and passing shots, however, carried him through the seventh game to give him the set by 6-1.

Bergelin put more power and speed into his game as the third set began but could not find touch with his first services.

Ip broke through Bergelin's opening service, only to see his opponent, now playing an attractive all-round game, draw level at 1-1.

Bergelin held his next service game after four deuces to lead by 2-1 and went ahead to take the next game by 60-30.

Another double-fault and errors on Bergelin's part cost him the fifth game, but the next

game saw Bergelin back into a commanding 4-2 lead. Ip rallied back strongly to take the seventh game but could not hold the visiting ace from winning the next two games each by 60-30 to clinch the set and match by 6-3.

THE SCORES

S. Stockenberg drew with K. C. Dao, 7-5, 4-6.
L. Bergelin beat K. H. Ip, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

TODAY'S GAMES

(3.15 p.m. at HKCC or 8 p.m. at Macpherson Playground).
L. Bergelin v. V. T. Wang (one set).
S. Stockenberg v. K. H. Ip (one set).
L. Bergelin v. S. Stockenberg (one set).
S. Stockenberg and L. Bergelin v. K. H. Ip and Edwin Tsai (best of three sets).

COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only five instead of eight Colony championship matches will be played today.

These are:
S. Sadi v. E. Saubole, C. C. Kuo v. F. Ma, C. C. Tsou v. T. Lo, C. S. Cheng v. W. K. Chung, R. M. Macpherson and P. L. Holmes v. G. B. Smart and E. Zukout.

The following three matches have been postponed:
K. H. Ip v. R. MacLachie (to be played tomorrow).
K. F. Lee v. K. C. Dao (to be played at a later date).
P. Simon v. V. T. Wang (to be played at a later date).

Figure Skating Championship

Oslo, Feb. 16. Last year's World Champion in figure skating for men, Hayes Alan Jenkins of the United States, today led in the compulsory figure skating in the World Championship being held here.

Results of today's compulsory figures for the first three men were:
1. Hayes Alan Jenkins (US), 514.1 points—8 placing points.
2. James Grogan (US), 514.2.
3. Alain Giletti (France), 499.2-16.

After the results of today's competition, Jenkins most probably will get a new world championship in figure skating. Grogan, who has one-tenth of a point more than Jenkins, told the United Press that he would not be able to win the championship as he did not have enough training in free skating to beat Jenkins.

Grogan is now serving with the U.S. Army and does not have the same good conditions for training as Jenkins, who has his own trainer.—United Press.

Far East Golf Championship

Manila, Feb. 16.

The fourth Far East Open Golf Championship scheduled to start here on Thursday was given a last minute international touch with the arrival yesterday of three golfers from Guam.

They were professionals Bill Hill and Gene Holbrook and amateur Richard Martens.

The tournament, which will last four days, will see top professionals and amateurs in local golfdom competing. Twelve times winner Larry Montes and Celestino Tagat, will lead the Philippine entries.

Yesterday Tagat stunned golf circles when he shot an unbelievable seven under par 65 in a practice round at the Wack Golf and Country Club. This broke E. J. Ditch Harrison's 66 set on the eve of the first Philippine world open championship in November, 1949.—France-Press.

Maximum Winners In Football Pool

London, Feb. 16. A 23-year-old motor driver and a 65-year-old nurse each won the maximum of £75,000 this week in a football pool.

The driver, Mr. G. Lewis of Ashford, Middlesex, has just found a couple of rooms in preparation for his wedding to 19-year-old Rita Dodd.

The nurse, Mrs. E. Boston, works at a private nursing home at Brighton, south coast resort. Her husband is 64.—China Mail Special.

TOMMY ATKINS'

Army Sports Parade

Top spot in the Tommy Atkins Army Sports Parade this week is shared by two golfers. They are 2/Lt. M. R. Keeling of the Royal Signals, whose brilliant achievement of winning both the Combined Services and the Army Golf Championships at Farnham last week-end makes him the outstanding performer of the week, and Captain D. A. Kennedy, whose hole-in-one at the 190-yard fourth hole on the New course wins him the bottle of whisky which was handed over to me to be presented to the first of our golfers to accomplish this exciting feat. Congratulations, Captain Kennedy.

The bottle is being forwarded to the Secretary of the Army Golf Association with a request that he pass it on to the winner.

'SILENCE' RULE

I have received a most interesting letter from a boxing enthusiast who asks me if I can explain the fact that when the Welsh Regt. Boxing Team was in action against the boxers from HMS Birmingham in the recent tournament at the Farnham Fleet, 'Silence' during boxing rule was not enforced.

The writer said that he had been prevented from going to the show but had listened to the broadcast commentary and was astonished at the noise during the actual bouts.

The facts are, of course, accurate. I was at the show and I too was surprised that very little attempt was made to curb the audience during the actual fighting, and I understand that several Army boxing enthusiasts were somewhat perturbed about the whole incident.

I agree fully with the fact that the 'Silence' rule should be strictly enforced during fighting and I believe that when Army boxers are invited to take part in inter-services competitions, should be agreed that enforcement of the rule is a qualification of the acceptance. Noise during the rounds is grossly unfair to the boxer.

TACTICS WON

One of the big surprises of the RAMC Athletic Meeting at Boundary Street yesterday was the defeat of the well drilled Tug-of-War team from 18 Field Ambulance by the less fancied team from GDS.

Actually this was not so much a battle of teams as a battle of coaches. Capt Bowen had trained his Field Ambulance team to a fine pitch but he was out-guessed and outmanoeuvred by QMS Webster who gave his team the call to "heave" at the exact moment the opponents' right feet were raised. The QMS' tactics were excellent and his team collected the cup after two straight pulls.

The Army soccer players are becoming used to being involved in controversy. Recently centre-forward Bennett was the central figure in the incident in the Goldkirk game when he landed in the back of the net and remained there while a goal was scored, only to see it chalked off by the referee.

On Saturday—in the Army-Navy game the incident was repeated in almost every detail, only this time it was Reeves who was in the back of the net when Bennett scored. But once again the goal was disallowed.

The Royal Norfolk are well on the way to retaining the Land Forces Inter-Unit Squash Championships. They have again fought their way into the final and after the fine display they gave against the Royal Engineers it will take a very strong team to deprive them of the premier honour.

By defeating AA Workshops REME, 137 (Java) HAA Bly, RA, have surmounted one of the most important obstacles in their effort to win Zone 1 of the Minor Units Soccer League. With only one more game to play the Gunners still have a 100 per cent record and I hear that they are quite confident that they can preserve the record in the last game.

BOXING DATE

The next important date on the boxing calendar is Thursday, February 18, when the 1st Dorset meet 1st Royal Norfolk in the semi-final of the Land Forces Inter-Unit Team Championships.

In addition to the team match it is hoped to stage two special bouts as eliminations for the FARELF Inter-Service Championships. These contests will set Bob Baker, 20, 140 lb. against P. Rolinson of 1st King's in a light welterweight bout, and G. Postle, 140 lb. against R. A. against either Sgt. Bibby or Sgt. Edge of 1st King's in a heavyweight match.

The second semi-final between 1st Watch and 1st King's will take place at Queen's Hill on Tuesday, February 23.

The date for the final will depend on which team wins the Queen's Hill match. If the Dorset win, the final will take place on March 2, but if the Royal Norfolk win the final will take place on March 3, at 10.15. Both finals will be held at Queen's Hill, Farnham.

Championship have now been played but the match between 1st King's and 1st Dorset is still outstanding and both the competition proper and the plate competition are held up until this game is played off.

Army soccer enthusiasts are delighted at the selection of left-half Stevens to captain the Combined Services team against the Hongkong Chinese at the Club Stadium this afternoon.

It is hoped that Stevens, who sails for the United Kingdom on Sunday next, will be available to play his last game for the Army against St. Joseph's on Saturday. This game could be a very special one for Stevens as he will pretty certainly find himself pitted against his old Army colleague and fellow countryman, Nash, who was recently transferred from the Army to St. Joseph's.

The final of the FARELF Rugby Championship between 1st Watch and the 1st Regt. will take place at Singapore on Monday, March 8.

Army football referees are reminded that the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association will take place in the "Beverly" of the NAAFI Club in Chatham Road at 7 p.m. tonight.

The next examination for Army referees will take place at Stanley on Monday, February 22 at 6.30 p.m.

ATHLETIC DATES

1st Dorset and 1st Watch are now through to the final of the Land Forces Athletic Championships by reason of their being placed first and second respectively in the 27 Brigade meeting.

Dates for other elimination events are as follows:—35 Eds at Sek Kong on Feb. 19 and 20.
HQ RA at Boundary Street on Feb. 19 and 20.
HK and Kln. Grm. on Feb. 22 and 24.

The Finals of the Minor Unit Championships will take place on Friday, February 26 and the Major Unit Championships will be decided on Saturday, February 27. Competition will start at 10.30 a.m. on both days.

Fine wins at the week-end place the Army cricketers in an almost impregnable position at the top of the League tables and it seems that only a major collapse could rob them of the title. The victory of the 'A' team was particularly satisfying as they had to take the field without star bowlers Dowling and Fargotter.

The Army-Navy rugby match in the Pentangular Tournament produced some exciting play and the soldiers' victory by 13 points to nil puts them in a very strong position in the competition.

One of the features of the game was the fine play of the Army backs whose early success laid the foundation for the ultimate victory. Eyo and Annandale were other players who caught the eye.

SNIPPETS: Army soccer players come and go... new centre-forward Palmer... arrival of team goalkeeper Clive Jones Stevens on the HMT 'George' on Sunday next... Army boxers will be pleased to hear that the Royal Navy is planning an all-star boxing show to be held early in March. It is the intention to invite the boxers of all three services to take part. A sign of the times. Work has now begun in preparation for the opening of the military swimming baths.

McKenley Creates A Unique Double

McKenley, Feb. 16. Herb McKenley of Jamaica established a unique double today when he broke the 70-year-old professional 440 yards record with a time of 47.3 seconds.

The former Olympic runner is the first man to break both the amateur and professional world records for the same distance. He set the previous world amateur 440 yards record of 48 seconds in 1948.

McKenley, who is 23 years old, was born in Jamaica and has been training in England since he came to this country in 1951. He is currently training with the Royal Navy at Farnham. He is expected to compete in the 440 yards race at the Commonwealth Games in London in August.



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John Landy Sets The Pace And Other Australians Run Faster In Trying To Keep Up

By "RECORDER"

John Landy is again setting the pace in the Australian track season with his mile runs in 4:02.0 and 4:02.3 and it is fashionable to be a mile runner Down Under. Australian middle distance running standards were relatively poor for many years on end, but now that the mile race has become a star attraction many good Milers are coming to the fore.

So far this season there are six Australian Milers under 4:15.0 and eight half-milers under 1:55.0.

Les Perry has done 4:11.4 for the mile, Jim Bailey and Geoff Warren have run the four laps in 13:20 and newcomer Alex Henderson in 4:13.0. On January 10 at Melbourne, despite a temperature of nearly 130 degrees in the sun, Les McLean outran Landy in a Half Mile, winning in the new Australian record time of 1:32.1 with Landy trailing in 1:32.9.

Australian distance runners are also in great form with Allan Lawrence returning 29:58.0 for Six Miles and Keith Ollershaw 30:04.0. Lawrence's effort included an extraordinary last lap in 61 seconds.

Two Australian record performances earlier in the season will not go into the record book. Hector Hogan's long jump of 25 feet 1 1/4 inches was achieved on an extra trial and Ian Reed's discus throw of 157 feet 10 inches will not be recognised as it was done from a circle chalked on the grass.

INDIAN RECORDS

Two Indian national records were set in recent weeks and a third equalled. At Colombo on December 29, C. Sankaran of Madras University long jumped 23 feet 3/4 inch. This was accomplished at the Indian Universities Championships, won by Punjab University with 41 points from Ceylon University (35) and Mysore University (20).

V. P. Malvin of Allahabad University reached 188 feet 3/4 inches in the javelin throw.

The second Indian national record fell at the Madras Area Games on January 24 when K. George went over 12 feet 4 inches in the Pole Vault.

In the Madras State Games on January 20, J. B. Joseph of the Madras Police equalled Ivan Jacob's national record in the 400 Metres with a 49.6 seconds clocking. Jacob, the National Champion and record-holder, was a close second.

Best performances throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire in the 12 months ending February 17 were:

100 YARDS

9.4 Michael Agostini (Trinidad)
9.5 John Treloar (Australia)
9.6 Bill Job (Australia)
9.7 Doug Warr (Australia)
9.8 Oulton van Heerden (S. Africa)
9.9 Eddie Carr (Australia)
10.0 Roy Schuman (Australia)
10.1 Graham Gibson (Australia)
10.2 Stephen Xavier (Hongkong)
10.3 J. D. Griffiths (Australia)
10.4 W. G. Brighams (Australia)
10.5 John Carrick (Australia)
10.6 Marlene Brynbaach (S. Africa)
10.7 K. A. B. Olowu (Nigeria)
10.8 Brian Stenon (England)
10.9 I. du Preez (S. Africa)
10.10 Ted Eden (Australia)
10.11 Antoir Gordon (Australia)

100 METRES

10.6 E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad)
10.7 Ted McElvyn (Australia)
10.8 Bruce Baillie (Australia)
10.9 J. Crumplin (England)
10.10 Ken Jones (Wales)
10.11 Brian Seave (Australia)
10.12 Willie Jack (Scotland)
10.13 Brian Stenon (England)
10.14 John Bartram (Australia)

220 YARDS

(Around a turn)
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"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	8 p.m. 18th Feb.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 23rd Feb.
ARRIVALS FROM		
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	20th Feb.
"FAKHOT"	Shanghai	21st Feb.

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"SINKIANG"	Madang, Rabaul, Pt. Moresby, Sydney & Melbourne	Noon 10th Feb.
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"TAIYUAN"	Kobe	22nd Feb.

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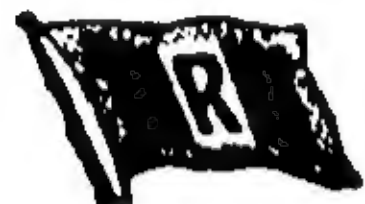
Scheduled sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

Sails		
"ASCANIUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Feb.
"AGAFENOR"	Genoa, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London & Hamburg	23rd Feb.
"TELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Mar.
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Mar.
"ATREUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	24th Mar.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

Sails		
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool	23rd Feb.
"ATREUS"	do	27th Feb.
"BELLEROPHON"	do	10th Mar.
"PATROCLOS"	do	15th Mar.
"ALCINOUS"	18th Feb.	20th Mar.
"ANTIOCHUS"	24th Feb.	2nd Apr.
"CYCLOPS"	3rd Mar.	7th Apr.
"PERSEUS"	7th Mar.	13th Apr.

U. Loading Glasgow before Liverpool. S. Loading Swansea before Liverpool. Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load and discharge cargo.



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"MUNCASTER CASTLE"	do	do
"TELEMACHUS"	do	do
"DONA NATI"	do	3rd Mar.
"MANGALORE"	25th Feb.	19th Mar.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given

that the Ordinary Yearly

Meeting of the Shareholders

of The Hongkong & Shanghai

Hotels, Limited, will be held

at the Registered Office of the

Company (Second Floor,

Telephone House, Des Voeux

Road Central, Hongkong), on

Friday, 19th March, 1954, at

12 Noon, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the

Board of Directors together

with the Statement of

Accounts for the year ended

31st December, 1953, to re-

elect a Director and to

appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the

Company will be closed from

the 6th March, 1954 to the

19th March, 1954, both days

inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

A. SOMMERFELT,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1954.

NOTICE

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

Annual Dinner and Dance

The Society's Annual

Dinner and Dance will be

held in the Peninsula Hotel,

1st Floor, on St. Patrick's

Day, Wednesday, 17th March,

1954.

A circular giving full

details has been sent to mem-

bers, but in the event of non-

delivery, members are

requested to apply to the Hon.

Secretary for further copies.

Early application for in-

vitations should be made as

numbers will strictly be

limited. All applications

must reach the Hon. Secre-

tary before the 6th March,

1954.

All Irishmen and women,

and persons of Irish Associa-

tion, not yet members, are

cordially invited to join the

Society. Membership applica-

tion forms may be obtained

from the Hon. Secretary.

D. R. BLAND

Hon. Secretary,

P. O. Box 615.

Ban Sought On Hungarian Paper In USA

Washington, Feb. 16.

Representative Overton

Brooks, a Democrat, de-

manded today that the State

Department stamp out the

propaganda. Communist

Hungary is spreading in

the United States.

He said the magazine, New

Hungary, should be banned like

all the other Iron Curtain

publications once published and

A £50 Million Refinery Is Growing Out Of This Desert



Native workers excavating for foundations alongside the cooling water lines at Aden.

The New Anglo-Iranian Refinery Is Going Up:

You Can Earn A Fortune At "Little Aden" If You Don't Mind Heat

Christopher Astwood, the author of this article, visited Aden last year after he and four other Cambridge University undergraduates had completed an expedition to Lake Tana, Ethiopia. In this article he describes his experiences trying to get a job at the new Anglo-Iranian £50 million refinery which is rapidly taking shape at Aden following the closing down of the Abadan refinery. He also describes some of the work going on and life at the refinery. He says "Little Aden" the site of the Anglo-Iranian installation is "a masterpiece of enterprise." The refinery itself is expected to be completed by the end of this year after only 27 months' work. By then the pipelines will be handling five million tons of crude oil a year.

Aden Town is set on a peninsula cum island, making the best of what nature has given it. Below the craggy hills, one half of the town sprawls along the fringe of Aden Bay on a coastal strip not more than a few hundred yards wide, with a few houses and offices bravely clinging to the rock half slopes seeking what breeze there might be in the hottest time of the year.

There is the Crater town (literally a town within a crater) where the peoples of the former half migrated during the war to escape enemy shelling. But many found that after one hot day in the Crater, enemy shells and oblivion were more acceptable.

Aden port itself is a thriving entrepot and refuelling station where retail prices in the shops fluctuate with the nationality of the passenger liner currently refuelling—never buy that "surprisingly cheap" camera when the Stars and Stripes can be seen at the masthead—for it will be half the price tomorrow when the ship has departed.

I spent nine days in Aden. On landing at the airport the immigration authorities demanded £100 deposit to justify my entry. Five Ethiopian dollars was all I had, however, but they were kind about it; I was told to report to them within three days as to my movements and they offered me a further seven days should I still be undecided. After that time, the Government was offering to pay for my keep and passage home, to be paid back in installments at a later date. With all this solicitude for my well-being behind me and no fear of the future, I decided to look for work.

When I was in Asmara, I was told a fabulous tale of Aden—a paradise where one could earn £20 a week, have air-conditioned quarters, and the best food in Arabia. Where was it to be found but at the new oil refinery the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company was building. The only snag was the 18 months' contract one had to sign. However that was simply overcome apparently, for only last year three South African students had arrived on the site, having travelled up from Capetown in a sampan, and demanded work.

At that time, any able-bodied body was welcome to help build the new refinery, no matter how green he was. So one of them was employed in the stores, and the others digging ditches. That went on for ten months and then suddenly after one pay-day they were posted "missing"—nothing more was seen of them.

They are now comfortably reclining in various universities in England with their booty—£800 a head—for they were strong-minded enough not to drink it all while in Aden.

That night after pouring out my troubles to a Scotsman who spent his life delivering vessels of all types to anywhere in the world, I decided to go ashore from the ship I was staying on. It was two o'clock in the morning. I saw a police launch passing and I hailed it. There was a rapid fire of cross-questioning which lasted some ten minutes and I found I was speaking to the Chief of the Harbour Police, at the time in full evening dress and flanked by lovely ladies also in evening dress. Having decided I was not "the suspect seaman" who had dragged him away from his "excellent party," he was all apologies and invited me to a beach party at Little Aden, the refinery, the following Sunday. His apologies were accepted—for the party gates were open and it was now up to me.

That Sunday and the ensuing days were an eye-opener to me. Having seen the Americans add two square miles to Bermuda's 10½ square miles in just over ten months in building their air and naval bases, I have always credited them with being the eighth wonder of the world in the engineering field. But Britain's Little Aden was a masterpiece of enterprise.

BLEAK DESERT

In December 1952, across Aden Bay from Aden Town there was a corner of bleak desert and salt pans with 200ft jagged crags protruding from it. In 12 months an offending 100 ft high hill was demolished and the debris was used to reclaim the salt pans and generally raise the land above sea level.

A few months later, a thriving oil town construction community arose and some 7,000 persons were housed in air-conditioned rooms or, if married, houses with all "mod. cons" including refrigerators. All the comforts of man are more or less provided. There is a cleaning and dyeing works, water and sewage system, a power system with generators capable of supplying Aden Town as well; this was only temporary, as I was told, though it looked no more temporary than Battersea power station.

There was also a hospital built on ultra-modern lines set off from the refinery on the reverse slope of a hill overlooking an inviting beach. There one could recline with all the aches, breaks and pains imaginable, for a large and extremely competent staff of European and Indian, with all the most up to date equipment, is in constant attendance. Their biggest headache is the Arab employees who would live there right down to the beach and with their wives and children, and with their own cars. On the recreational side there is almost everything one could

hockey, tennis, basketball, swimming, table tennis, billiards, darts, "shove" hupenny and a large brick and glass-plate communal hall where a vast quantity of beer may be consumed. The latter four are far and away the most popular of the recreational outlets.

THE ICE-MAN

Out of this arises the question of ice, an essential commodity in a community that is constantly seeking cool refreshment. Although "Little Aden" has its own cold storage unit capable of holding enough meat and vegetables for its own requirements, the actual blocks of ice for day to day use are brought from the local ice manufacturers. This creates a problem for it entails bringing the precious commodity in from Aden Town along a route lined with local "Spivs" offering good shillings, and enough to make it worth while, for a lump of ice. After several lumps of ice had "melted away" in this fashion the job was given to an Englishman to drive the truck into town at 4 a.m., pick up the ice and deliver it to the refreshment centres by six; once this was completed he had the morning free and should no further orders be received for ice, he had the rest of the day off until the following morning!

This was another simple but essential and lucrative (£20 a week) form of employment that was available there.

Having built up a picture of reasonable comfort and remuneration, however, I shall now have to explode some of it.

The working hours are long and hard, for these jobs are not so extraordinary as the ice-man. The clock is worked around in two ten-hour shifts with four hours set aside for maintenance to vehicles and machinery. Pipe hauling, cracker-erecting, dock building, insulating, supplies, and even administration are exacting tasks in 90 to 110 degrees F. Through this perpetual heat and an ever present dust haze, work must progress smoothly, for one delay starts a chain reaction all along the line.

From the technician, to the labourer there is little chance of relaxation during his ten hours and at the end of it, should he feel fit for some form of entertainment in the evening, there is little except the bar, which no one objects to, but it does become monotonous. There are some who at the day's end collapse exhausted into bed, and so begin another day somewhat refreshed. The terms of retention of life must have something to offer in return to anyone who subjects himself to it. Cash return provides the greatest draw to most people, but to some even the very largest cash return would not be compensation enough for working in such a limiting environment.

Cows Given Wine

Beirut, Feb. 16. Lebanon cows in mountain villages of the Lebanon were given hot wine and vegetable soup mixed with brandy today on the fourth successive day of bitter cold.—China Mail Special.

Why Russia Wants Tankers From The West

London, Feb. 16. The Soviet Foreign Trade Minister, Mr. Ivan Kabanov, is willing to place orders in western shipyards for five oil tankers of 15,000 to 16,000 tons. This disclosure was made in the course of the recent visit to Moscow by a group of British businessmen.

Experts in the tanker business consider the Soviet decision to build up their tanker fleet is a direct consequence of the embargo placed by United Nations powers on trade in strategic materials with China.

The Soviets require tankers to carry oil from Black Sea ports to Vladivostok, on the Pacific Coast. The British Ministry of Transport, which controls tanker charters, will license hirings for this voyage, but not for a call at the intermediate port of Dalny, in Manchuria.

In accordance with the United Nations agreement, they will not allow oil shipments to Chinese ports.

NOT ALLOWED

Because they consider that a stop at Dalny is necessary on the Black Sea to Vladivostok voyage, the Soviets are building a tanker fleet of their own.

According to British businessmen who have returned from Moscow, they now have a fleet of 22 tankers. None of them are larger than 16,000 tons, this being the largest tonnage that can be accommodated in the Black Sea ports.

Shipbuilders here do not expect to be allowed to tender for the Soviet tanker orders. The British authorities have recently authorised the building of fishing trawlers for the Soviet, but this decision was given with some reluctance and the licensing of tankers or cargo ships is not expected until a general move is made to modify the United Nations' strategic embargo.—Router.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Feb. 16. Grain prices continued to move downward on the board of trade today as markets shared about equally in the decline.

Reports of moisture over the southwest winter wheat belt and the five-day forecast calling for additional scattered showers over parts of the area brought most of the selling in the bread cereal.

New crop wheat contracts bore the brunt of the selling with more nearby months meeting some export covering. Yugoslav and Antwerp took grain overnight.

Yugoslavia purchased an estimated 330,000 bushels of red wheat and limited amounts were taken by Antwerp. With the overnight sale, Yugoslavia has bought the total to 1,344,000 bushels since late last week. Exporters said that the country still has a balance of 672,000 bushels to buy against its original programme.—United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 16. Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red	Spot	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Wheat, No. 2, white	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Barley, 2-row	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Barley, 6-row	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Oats, No. 2	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Rye, No. 2	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Corn, No. 2	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Soybeans, No. 2	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Lintseed, No. 2	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Flaxseed, No. 2	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2

TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

JAPAN FACING "BAD YEAR" FOR SHIPPING

Less Work For Shipyards

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

Representatives of the Japanese shipbuilding industry and merchant marine expect 1954 to be "a very bad business year." Japanese pessimism over world shipping and the shipbuilding recession has been aggravated by a recent Government announcement that subsidies to the shipbuilding industry would be cut.

Under the 4-year programme mapped out last year, Japanese shipyards were to build 300,000 gross tons of shipping for domestic owners every year. Because of the cut in subsidies, the yards are not likely to build more than 200,000 gross tons by the end of this year.

A spokesman for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, one of Japan's "Big Four" shipping companies, said: "Most Japanese ships, particularly those on the Pacific run, were built after the war and are of good quality. But more are needed."

The spokesman added that Japan is now in a position in which she has to hire ships from other countries. Before World War II, the could stem foreign exchange by carrying cargoes of other countries' goods. Japan's present ocean-going ships total 2,600,000 gross tons compared with the pre-war peak of 3,750,000 gross tons in 1937.

Many companies would like to expand their freight services to pre-war level, but lack of ships together with increasing competition in the international market, have restricted expansion plans.

CHARGING LOWER RATES

Larger companies are trying to meet increasing competition from small Japanese owners at home, and, at the same time, maintain membership in various freight conferences overseas.

Spokesmen of the establishment of this service would be the forerunner to a company programme for world-wide expansion and including the opening of services to African and South American ports.

The new European service will be started with two ships a month, calling at Manila, Singapore, Suez, Alexandria, Bremen, Hamburg and Amsterdam.

GREATER COMPETITION

A Transport Ministry spokesman said that the Japanese shipping and shipbuilding industries expect greater competition from the United States, Britain and West Germany during the coming year.

There are 60 major shipbuilding companies in Japan, 20 of which are engaged on constructing ocean-going vessels.

During 1954, these companies hope to build an estimated 200,000 gross tons for home shippers and another 100,000 gross tons for overseas buyers.

The estimated tonnage of ships completed in 1953, both for domestic owners and for exports, is the highest since the war. Most orders were executed during the first half of the year, however, and were a backlog from the boom days of 1950-52.

The following are figures issued by the Transport Ministry, showing the tonnage completed each year since 1950. (All figures in thousands of gross tons):

1950—307 (98 exported); 1951—323 (20 exported); 1952—341 (185 exported); 1953—An estimated total of 26 (238 exported).—China Mail Special.

New York Metal Futures

Lead	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Tin	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50
Zinc	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50
Copper	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50

b-bid. All prices in U.S. cents per lb.

LONDON PRICES

Tin	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
3-month	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
6-month	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
9-month	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
12-month	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50

All prices in sterling per long ton.—United Press.

New York Stock Market

New York, Feb. 16. The New York Stock market was in a slow and generally featureless trade today, with a slight upward bias in the afternoon.

Domestic futures, headed by the farmer, saw markets.

Future closings were: Contract No. 4 (World)

No Address On The Parcel But It Was Delivered

Heidelberg, Feb. 16. A parcel from the United States addressed to "Fritz Bach, next door to bearing a small boy's photograph in place of the addressee's name was delivered by a resourceful postman.

The parcel, containing a toy was sent by an American Sergeant who photographed the boy while serving in Germany but forgot to ask his full name.—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(By Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$374,899.25. Non quotations and the morning's dealings:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS			
2 1/2% (1946)	91 1/2		100
BANKS			
H.K. Bank	1035		100
INSURANCES			
Union	655		100
SHIPPING			
Anglo Sino	115	1.80	100
DOCKS, ETC.			
Dock	21.40	850	100
Provident (C)	13.40	1500	100
Royal Dock	1.15	2000	100
Wharfedale	0.80	1000	100

LAND, ETC.

H.K. Hotel ... 8.00 8.70 1000 @ 8.10

H.K. Land ... 70 1/2 77 1000 @ 7.50

Shai Land ... 1.15 1000 @ 1.15

Humphreys ... 10.20 19.40 350 @ 19.20

Ready ... 2.15 2.20 1000 @ 2.17 1/2

UTILITIES

Tham ... 29.20 141 1000 @ 29.20

C. Light (C) ... 15.00 15.70 1000 @ 15.00

Telephone ... 30 1000 @ 30.00

INDUSTRIALS

Cement ... 20.80 21.10 1000 @ 20.80

Stores, ETC.

Dairy ... 21.70 22 200 @ 21.80

Waters ... 10.20 250 @ 10.20

COTTONS

Twisted Corp ... 7.40 7.55 375 @ 7.55

Electric ... 31 1/2 32 1/2 100 @ 32

C. Light (N) ... 800 @ 12.60

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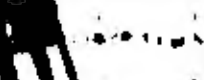
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